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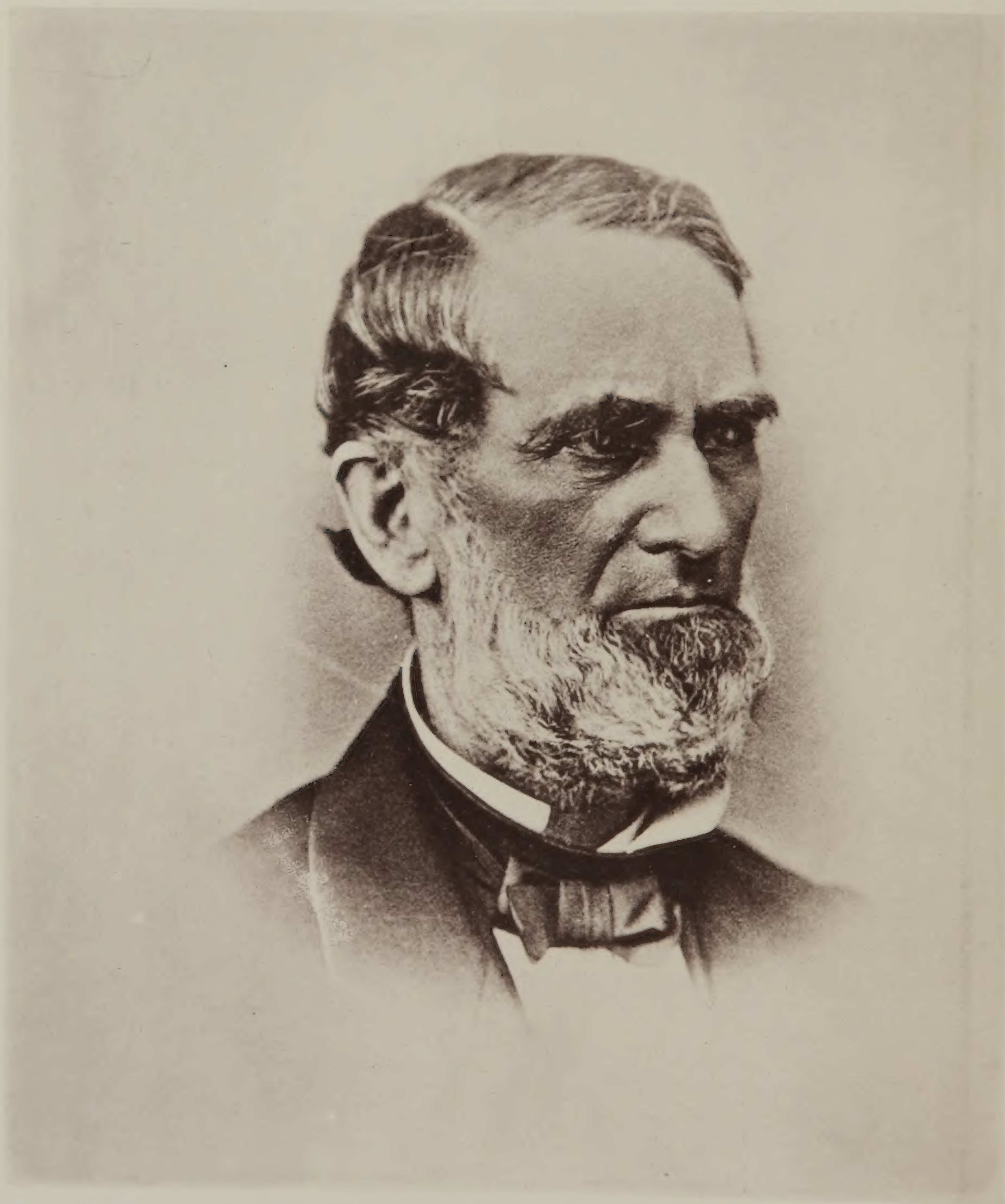
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In Memoriam.

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Born January 10, 1805.

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CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL,

June 9, 1880.

A special meeting, called to take appropriate action upon the death of the late Dr. JAMES C. HALL, was held this evening at 8 o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: Messrs. Niles, Galt, Davis, Fox, Harkness, McGuire, Pollak, Saville, Semken, Temple, and Fendall, and Drs. Eliot, Garnett, Lincoln, and Tyler, and, of the attending physicians, Drs. Ashford and Busey.

The President stated the object of the special meeting, and addressed the Board as follows:

We have again assembled to pay a parting tribute to the memory of another of our associates and friends, who has obeyed the inexorable law, that "all that live must die, passing through nature to eternity." It is with exceeding sorrow that I officially announce to you the death of Dr. JAMES C. HALL, one of our Directors, and Chairman of the Board of Hospital Administration, who passed to his rest in the fullness of years on Monday morning, the 7th inst., "like one that wraps the drapery of his couch about him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Our deceased friend needs no panegyric. Words can neither fully portray the excellence and purity of his life, nor add to a reputation which he leaves as a valuable heritage to his profession, and to the community; for, in the varied duties of his calling, and as a citizen, he discharged them with an earnest zeal and fidelity, winning the confidence, and gaining the love of all with whom he was brought in association.

It can be truly said of him, that his life was without guile, or without ambition, other than to attain a supremacy in his profession, and thus enable him to extend the full measure of professional relief to those who sought his aid. His nature was kind and gentle, his impulses warm and generous, and his charities unostentatious; and neither the widow, the orphan, nor the friendless, whose condition justified the extension of relief, ever went from his door unaided.

As a citizen, he was ever zealous for the advancement of the interests of our city, with which he had been identified for more than sixty years, though, on account of his professional duties, he declined civic office, which his fellow-citizens, fully appreciating his sterling worth, would have promptly conferred upon him.

Our late associate and friend was born in Alexandria, Va., but in early boyhood removed to this

city, and, when attaining the proper age, adopted the profession of medicine.

After graduating at the University of Pennsylvania, he returned to this city and commenced the practice of his profession more than half a century ago, and soon acquired a large and lucrative one, and a reputation for professional skill unsurpassed throughout the country. His health becoming impaired, he retired a few years past from active practice, though he continued to feel an earnest interest in the advancement of his profession, and, to within a short time previous to his death, was a zealous student in the acquisition of all knowledge pertaining to its progression. Every practicable plan proposed, either by his profession or the community, looking to the amelioration of suffering humanity, received his most hearty co-operation, and when the proposition of establishing a "Children's Hospital" in our city was submitted to him ten years ago, he cordially sympathized with the movement, believing that through its agency relief could be extended to a large number of suffering children in our midst, and that, from a small beginning, the institution would increase in usefulness each succeeding year, gaining the confidence and support of our citizens, and eventually acquire a national reputation; and from the date of its incorporation to the time of his death, he was

one of its most earnest friends and liberal patrons, and ever ready by word and deed to aid in its advancement; and as his loss to us is therefore an irreparable one, it is proper that this Board should manifest by appropriate action its appreciation of the worth of our late associate and friend, and its regret for his death.

Mr. Galt moved that a committee of three be appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sentiment of the Directors and attending physicians upon the death of Dr. HALL.

The motion was carried, and the Chair appointed Mr. Galt and Drs. Tyler and Busey as the committee.

The Committee retired, and Mr. Davis addressed the meeting as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT: I should like to say a few words about our old friend Dr. HALL. My relationship to him was peculiar, in that he assisted at my advent into the world. I knew him well in childhood, and had often occasion to remember his kindness and condescension to little ones, such as I then was. I have known him well in later life as a business man, of strict integrity, of exacting punctuality, but of leniency where forbearance was a virtue, and of generosity where personal feeling could hardly assert the shadow of a claim.

As a Director of this Hospital, his devotion to the welfare of the children is as a proverb; he has gone to join the number (large for so young an institution) of those whose memory we have from time to time recalled at our various meetings, and whose familiar lineaments ornament our walls, recalling to us the sympathy that existed between us when living and engaged in a common work, and the tender feelings we entertain for their memories. No one will occupy a higher place in our household annals than the kind physician who has just left us, full of the honors of his profession and the sympathetic regard of those who knew him as a man.

The Committee returned and reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas the melancholy announcement has been made to the Board of Directors of the Children's Hospital that Dr. JAMES C. HALL died at his residence Monday, June 7, in the seventy-sixth year of his age; and

Whereas he was one of the incorporators and has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Children's Hospital since its establishment, being also at the time of his death chairman of the Board of Hospital Administration; and

Whereas he was one of the most munificent

patrons of this charity, giving freely and abundantly of his means for its support, and earnestly and effectively working for its establishment and maintenance, regarding it, as he has often said, "one of the most beautiful and purely charitable institutions of this District:" Therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of Dr. JAMES C. HALL "The Children's Hospital" has lost a most distinguished, influential, and benevolent friend; one whose life was singularly pure and elevated, whose virtues were great and numerous, whose integrity was above question, whose abilities were pre-eminent, and whose goodness of heart and disinterested charities had endeared him to the people of the District of Columbia for more than half a century.

Resolved, That we, the surviving members of this Board and the attending physicians, will ever cherish the memory of our departed associate, the beauty of whose character, the goodness of whose life, and the nobility of whose nature have been so indelibly impressed upon all who ever knew him.

Resolved, That the name of JAMES C. HALL shall be permanently inscribed upon the wall of this Hospital, to whose generosity it is indebted for so much; that the main entrance be draped in mourning for the space of thirty days, and that, as a further testimony of esteem and love, the Board

of Directors and attending physicians attend his funeral in a body.

Resolved, That our sympathy and condolence be extended to the relatives of our deceased brother; that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to them, and also be printed in the daily papers of this city.

Resolved, That a memorial pamphlet containing these resolutions and the address of the President of this Board be published, together with such other material relating to the life and character of Dr. HALL as may be prepared by a committee of three to be appointed for that purpose.

The Chair appointed Mr. Galt and Drs. Busey and Ashford as the committee under the last resolution; and, on motion, it was ordered that the same committee be entrusted with the duty of inscribing Dr. HALL's name on the Hospital wall, as directed in the resolutions.

Adjourned.

Attest :

REGINALD FENDALL,

Secretary.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL,

June 14, 1880.

The June quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors was held this evening at 8 o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: Messrs. Niles, Galt, McGuire, Davis, Fendall, Fisher, Fox, Hume, Saville, and Drs. Eliot, Garnett, Lincoln, and Tyler, and, of the attending physicians, Drs. Ashford, Busey, and Johnston.

The minutes of the meetings held on the 8th of March and the 9th of June were read and approved.

Dr. Busey, from the Committee appointed to inscribe the name of Dr. Hall on the wall of the Hospital, submitted the following report:

To the Board of Directors:

The Committee appointed in pursuance of the resolution directing that the name of the late JAMES C. HALL, M. D., be permanently inscribed upon the walls of the Hospital Building, respectfully recommend that a white marble tablet 6 by 2½ feet, and not less than 2 inches thick, be permanently affixed to the wall in the main hall of the administration building, at the top of the exterior face of which shall be inscribed the words "In Memoriam," and below, in successive order,

the names of the deceased officers of the institution who were founders and in the service of the Hospital at the time of death, and of such other officers as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, direct by a two-thirds vote of those present.

(Signed)

S. C. BUSEY, M. D.,
M. W. GALT,
F. A. ASHFORD, M. D.

Ordered, That the report be adopted; that the same Committee be entrusted with the execution of the work recommended in their report.

Ordered, That Dr. Busey, Mr. Galt, Dr. Ashford, and Mr. McGuire be a committee to arrange for obtaining a bust of Dr. HALL, to be placed in the Hospital Building.

Ordered, That the room opposite the parlor be set aside to accommodate the books bequeathed to the hospital by Dr. HALL, and that it be known as the "Hall Library."

Ordered, further, That the attending physicians be a committee to arrange the room for the accommodation of the books and cases, and to arrange the books in the cases.

Adjourned.

REGINALD FENDALL,
Secretary.

AT a special meeting of the Board of Lady Visitors of the Children's Hospital, held on Friday, June 18, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the members of this Board have heard with profound sorrow of the death of Dr. JAMES C. HALL, and they regret their inability to give adequate expression to their sense of the deep and irreparable loss sustained by the Hospital in his death. He was one of its original projectors, and since its existence has always been one of its most zealous friends and liberal patrons, and to *him*, more perhaps than to any other one individual, is due its present prosperity and usefulness.

Resolved, That in his death the Board of Managers has lost one of its wisest and safest counselors; the Board of Lady Visitors, one of its best and most valued friends; the patients, a tender sympathizer in their sufferings, and one ever ready to contribute to their relief, and the Hospital itself has lost one of its most active, faithful, and liberal supporters.

Resolved, That his fine and highly-cultivated intellect, united with a singularly unselfish and generous heart, endeared him to all who knew him, and won for him a high and well-deserved reputa-

tion in this community, which has made his name and fame familiar as household words.

Resolved, That while we greatly deplore his removal from our midst, we take melancholy pleasure in recalling his many virtues, and will ever bear them in grateful remembrance.

Mrs. J. B. RICKETTS,
President.

Mrs. M. A. B. KENNEDY,
Secretary.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF DR. HALL RELATING TO THE HOSPITAL.

“I give and bequeath to the said McGuire and Perry and the survivor of them, his heirs and assigns, the sum of five thousand, (\$5,000,) to be held by them in trust for the joint use and benefit of my great nephews, Charles L. and William McCauley. I direct my Trustees to invest this sum, and to pay the whole thereof, principal and interest, to my said great nephews, in equal proportion, as they shall become of age. Should one die before attaining his majority, the survivor shall receive the whole. Should both die before said period, then my Trustees shall pay the said sum to the Children’s Hospital of the District of Columbia.”

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"I give my medical library and periodicals and my surgeon's instruments, together with the book-cases necessary for such library, to the Children's Hospital of the District of Columbia."

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"All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, I give, devise, and bequeath, in equal shares and in joint interest, to the Washington City Orphan Asylum of the District of Columbia and to the Children's Hospital of the District of Columbia: provided, however, that the principals of these bequests and devises shall not be used or expended by the said legatees and devisees, but the said principals shall be, when personalty, safely invested, and only the income and interest arising therefrom shall be expended. And I further direct that the bequest to the said Orphan Asylum shall constitute a fund to be called 'The Laurie Fund,' in memory of my mother, Mrs. E. B. Laurie."



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